



Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County

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RE: Sewage System Operational & Maintenance Permit Program – County-wide Implementation

Dear Community Partners,

Under the authority of O.A.C. 3701-29-19 & O.R.C 3718-02, local health districts are tasked with making sure property owners perform the proper maintenance of their sewage treatment system. Property owners with septic systems are required to 1) Have their system professionally maintained; 2) Have a field assessment performed periodically to check for proper functioning; and 3) Obtain an operating permit from the local health district.

Public Health -Dayton & Montgomery County issues Operation Permits for Sewage Treatment Systems. These permits are issued in compliance with division (A)(7) of section 3718.02 of the Ohio Revised Code. As those operating periods expire, residents of Montgomery County with these systems will now begin to receive their renewal notices starting in July 2023. We will not send them all at once but phase them in slowly over time. The goal is to inventory and assess every septic system in the county by 2030. This will entail searching for systems currently not permitted and communicating with homeowners regarding the process and requirements. Any systems identified as creating a public health nuisance can either be repaired or replaced within 5 years.

Permit Categories

- 5-year Renewal: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Mechanical & Pre-treatment systems
- 10-year Renewal: Gravity systems

Owners have a choice of who performs the system assessment. It may be done by:

- A registered service contractor (PHDMC Permit = \$50.00) OR
- Local health district staff. (PHDMC Permit = \$100.00)

In either case any repairs or actual service work must be done by sewage treatment contractors registered in Montgomery County and bonded with the Ohio Department of Health.

Public Health staff would be happy to answer any questions by phone, email or in person and would be willing to attend any local board meetings to provide info or answer questions. If you would like additional information, please call or email.

If you have any questions regarding the sewage operation permit renewal, please call Jason Turner at 225-4439 or email at jturner@phdmc.org. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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